GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:969
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
EMPLOYMENT TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handicapped persons are not getting employment despite reservation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of handicapped persons registered in different employment exchanges as on October 31, 2003, State-wise;

(d) the number of handicapped persons who have been provided employment during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up reserve quota of the handicapped persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a & b): The provisions of reservation contained in Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995 are being implemented by the Central Government Establishments and PSUs as a continuing process. The reservation of posts is confined to Government departments and public sector, where there is limited scope for employment growth.

(c & d): State-wise number of handicapped job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on December 31st, 2002 (latest available) and the placement made for them during 2000, 2001 & 2002 are given in the Annexure.

(e) : Apart from the legislative provisions, the following steps have been taken by the Government to promote employment of persons with disabilities:-

- Special Recruitment Drives for persons with disabilities from time to time;

- Identification of more posts suitable for persons with disabilities.
- Prompt reporting of vacancies to Staff Selection Commission/Union Public Service Commission/Central Employment Exchange etc. by Central Government Ministries/Department;

- A conference of Public Sector undertakings and concerned Ministries was held on 15.11.2000 in whichthe progress of implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protectionof Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was reviewed and the Public Sector Undertakings havebeen advised to launch vigorous drive to identify vacancies and recruit persons with disabilities against them; and

- Provision of financial assistance to State Government for setting up of Special Employment Exchanges/Upgradation of Special Cells to Special Employment Exchanges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c & d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 969 due for reply on 8.12.2003.

Number of Handicapped jobseekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.2002 and their number placed in employment each year during the period 2000-2002

S.No. State/Union Territories Number on Live Register as on 31.12.2002(in thousands) Number placed in employment during (in actual number)

2000 2001 2002
(A) STATES

1. Andhra Pradesh 84.1 39 25 224

2. Arunachal Pradesh 0.1 - - -

3. Assam 4.7 4 18 -

4. Bihar 16.0 1 7 9

5. Chhattisgarh 8.9 + - -
6. Delhi 7.8 9 5 11

7 Goa 0.8 1 3 -

8. Gujarat 21.6 399 473 447

9. Haryana 11.4 10 11 7
10. Himachal Pradesh 9.8 49 52 17
11. Jammu & Kashmir 0.9 - - -
12. Jharkhand 7.4 ## 1 -
13. Karnataka 30.4 260 89 140
14. Kerala 42.1 1030 1223 1049
15. Madhya Pradesh 23.1 20 7 12
16. Maharashtra 43.0 175 158 153
17. Manipur 1.7 - - -
18. Meghalaya 0.1 4 1 5
19. Mizoram 0.3 - - -
20. Nagaland 1.1 - - -
21. Orissa 10.6 19 25 27
22. Punjab 10.7 62 41 17
23. Rajasthan 24.5 99 149 91
24. Sikkim #
25. Tamilnadu 70.3 911 1057 970
26. Tripura 2.1 28 7 -
27. Uttaranchal 3.5 $ 1 7
28. Uttar Pradesh 24.9 32 15 22
29. West Bengal 67.1 110 110 131
30. A & Nicobar Islands 0.5 - - 1
31. Chandigarh 1.1 6 13 20
32. Dadra & Nagar Haveli @ - - 6
33. Daman & Diu 0.1 - - -
34. Lakshadweep 0.1 - - -
35 Pondicherry 1.7 - - 1

Total 532.7 3268 3491 3367

NOTE: # No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
@ Figures less than 50. Figures may not add upto to total due to rounding off.
- NIL
+ Information included in Madhya Pradesh.
Information included in Bihar.
$ Information included in Uttar Pradesh.